

April
2023

KIDS KRAZE

Programs and activities
offered by



CITY OF
BLOOMINGTON
PARKS AND RECREATION

For more information, contact the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department at 812-349-3700 or visit us at bloomington.in.gov/parks.



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Inclusive approach to recreation: All City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation programs are inclusive to people with and without disabilities. Please contact our Inclusive Recreation Coordinator for more details: Amy Shrake, CTRS, 812-349-3747 or shrakea@bloomington.in.gov.



Youth scholarships available from the Bloomington Parks Foundation!

For more information about how to apply for a scholarship for any Parks and Recreation program, contact the Bloomington Parks and Recreation office at 812-349-3700.

Apply online at bloomington.in.gov/parks/scholarships.

Applications must be received two weeks prior to the registration deadline.



KID CITY SUMMER CAMPS

Registration now open!

Campers explore the world around them with field trips and special events. Daily programs give campers the chance to try specialized activities in the areas of nature and the outdoors, sports and games, and arts and media. We give every child a summer to remember.

Hours 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
For grades K–7.

bloomington.in.gov/kidcity

SESSION	DATES	REGISTRATION FEE in-city/non-city	REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DUE BY 5 p.m.
A	May 30–June 2 <i>No camp May 29.</i>	\$144/\$148	5/22
B	June 5–9	\$180/\$185	5/30
C	June 12–16	\$180/\$185	6/5
D	June 20–23 <i>No camp June 19.</i>	\$144/\$148	6/12
E	June 26–30	\$180/\$185	6/20
F	July 5–7 <i>No camp July 3 or 4.</i>	\$108/\$111	6/26
G	July 10–14	\$180/\$185	7/3
H	July 17–21	\$180/\$185	7/10
I	July 24–28	\$180/\$185	7/17
J	July 20 <i>Overnight</i>	\$40	7/17
K	July 13 <i>All Camp Parent Night Out</i>	\$25	7/10

MAD PAWS

Our Sponsors:



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pet food and supply

DOGGIE EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 1 • 1–3 p.m. • \$5/dog
Switchyard Park, dog park

Let your pooches follow their noses to the Switchyard Park dog park for a special canine egg hunt. Plastic eggs filled with dog treats and prizes are scattered throughout the dog park for your canine friends to find.

Well-behaved dogs, attached to their owners with leashes no longer than six feet, are welcome.

All dog park rules apply.

Visit bloomington.in.gov/dogpark for a list of dog park rules.

Youth Sailing Camp registration now open!

Co-sponsored by Bloomington Parks and Recreation and the Lake Monroe Sailing Association, these camps teach safe sailing skills to participants who can swim. No previous sailing experience is required. For sailing details, email Imsayouthsailing@gmail.com. For registration information, call 812-349-3700. Register at bloomington.in.gov/parks/registration.



Bloomington Community Farmers' Market



OPENS APRIL 1

8 a.m.–1 p.m.

401 N. Morton St.

Buy locally raised farm products
directly from the farmers!

LOCAL FARMERS FRESH PRODUCE FOOD AND BEVERAGE ARTISANS

bloomington.in.gov/farmersmarket

**Registration opens April 14
for these summer camps!**



Summer Basketball Camp

Tuesday-Friday • July 11-14 • \$75

The First Tee of Bloomington



Week long, half day sessions

bloomington.in.gov/recreation/camps



**Sunday, April 16
1–4 p.m.
For all ages • FREE
Fourth Street**

The International Festival promotes cultural awareness, encourages cross-cultural engagement, and celebrates the diverse backgrounds of the residents of our community. Visit booths of art sales and displays, and experience the sounds and sights of a variety of cultures.

Nature Sounds

Whoosh, Splash & Gurgle

Musical guest: Eric Zhong, handpan drums

**Friday, April 28 • 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Clear Creek Trail Church Lane Trailhead**

Relax near the banks of Clear Creek, where the water murmurs, gurgles and splish-splashes to the accompaniment of live acoustic music! A Parks and Recreation naturalist will expound on the crucial role of watersheds in keeping our creeks singing!

FREE • Bring your own seating.

For more information, contact Crystal Ritter at 812-349-3725 or ritterc@bloomington.in.gov.

For weather-related updates, call the Community Events Hotline at 812-349-3754.



**Saturday, April 29 • 1–4 p.m.
Switchyard Park**

Title Sponsor:



**SCHOOL OF OPTOMETRY
ATWATER EYE CARE CENTER**
Pediatric Vision Care

Visit the annual Children's Expo to find Bloomington's best resources, services and programs just for children and families! The Expo features dozens of exhibitor booths, free wellness screenings, active fun for elementary school-age children, and more!



For more information
contact Amy Shrake at
shrakea@bloomington.in.gov



Nature and the Outdoors

Price is per person. Children under age 12 yrs. must be accompanied by a registered adult. Activities may be both inside and outside, so please dress for the weather.

Bee a Good Neighbor

Bees play a vital role in our everyday lives that many of us may not realize. In fact, much of the food we eat depends on bees, specifically honeybees. They pollinate plants and trees that produce foods such as apples, almonds, pumpkins, and so much more. Bee populations are unfortunately in decline, but we can help! Learn fun facts about honeybees and pollinators and how to make a pollinator feel at home in your backyard! Bring drinking water and be prepared to walk on paved trails to view various pollinator habitats. Instructor: Zach Ryan

**Sa 4/8 • noon–2 p.m. • Register by 4/5 • 140006-A
\$5/in-city, \$6/non-city • For all ages
Sherwood Oaks Park (Meet in shelter)**

Creek Critters

As things warm up, nature becomes more alive and we can return to the streams that have been frozen all winter. Learn about local creek critters and how they might indicate the overall health of these special places. Be prepared to get your hands wet as we take an up-close look at the micro and macro invertebrates living in our waterways. Instructor: Emily Gardner

**Sa 4/15 • 1–2:30 p.m. • Register by 4/12 • 140007-A
\$5/in-city, \$6/non-city • For all ages.
Griffy Lake Nature Preserve (Meet at boathouse)**

Earth Week Creek Cleanup

This Earth Week, spend time giving back by helping clear debris and invasive species along Jackson Creek. We'll provide trash bags and gloves; you bring your enthusiasm and love of nature, and together we'll help keep our waterways litter-free!

To be part of the cleanup, sign up online at
bloomington.in.gov/parksvol.

**Su 4/16 • 2–4 p.m. • Register by 4/12 • 140012-A
FREE • For all ages.
Sherwood Oaks Park (Meet at the shelter)**

Flower Power

Do you love when everything starts to bloom and the world seems a bit brighter? Come learn about local wildflowers and how to ethically forage them in our parks. Be prepared for a short hike around the park. Instructor: Emily Gardner

**Su 4/23 • 2:30–3:30 p.m. • Register by 4/19 • 140008-A
\$5/in-city, \$6/non-city • For all ages.
Switchyard Park (Meet at the Picnic Shelter)**

You Too Can Canoe!

Join us for a sunset tour of Lake Griffy while learning the basics of controlling your canoe. This course will teach the basics of canoe paddling and water navigation and is intended for novices with little to no experience. Participants will learn basic strokes for stopping, turning, and how to work WITH your canoe partner, before we test the waters, and launch for a sunset paddle. Participants 14 yrs. and younger must be accompanied by a registered adult. PFDs are provided.

Instructor: Zach Ryan

**F 4/28 • 6–8 p.m. • Register by 4/21 • 140009-A
\$10/in-city, \$12/non-city • For all ages
Griffy Lake Nature Preserve (Meet at boathouse)**



The Art of Giving

An Event for Children



Show kids the importance of exploring gratitude and expressing themselves through heartfelt crafts, handmade cards, and more.



**Sa 5/6 • 1–3 p.m.
\$5 • For ages 3–12 w/parent
Switchyard Park, Pavilion**

